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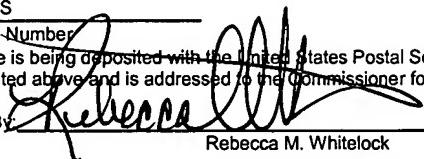
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hiroshi OHYA)
Application No.: 10/829,157) Group Art Unit: 3679
Filed: April 22, 2004) Examiner: David BOCHNA
For: SLEEVE-TYPE PIPE JOINT) Confirmation No.: 5735
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005, the due date for a response having been extended to May 3, 2006, by the petition for an extension of three months (with authorization to charge the corresponding fee of \$1,020.00 to our Deposit Account) concurrently filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.